

## A Level History - Summer Tasks.

Your studies in Year 12 will focus on two units

### Communist states:

- Russia 1917-1991 from Lenin to Yeltsin
- The German Democratic Republic 1949-1990

You are required to complete the following tasks over the summer for each unit, in preparation for lessons in September.

### Russia 1917-1991 from Lenin to Yeltsin

1. Read "A History of Modern Russia" by Robert Service. There are copies of this available in the school library, but it can also be easily purchased on Amazon
2. Create a fact file about each of the following key figures
  - a. Tsar Nicholas II
  - b. Vladimir Lenin
  - c. Leon Trotsky
  - d. Joseph Stalin
  - e. Vyacheslav Molotov
  - f. Lavrenity Beria
  - g. Nikita Khrushchev
  - h. Leonid Brezhnev
  - i. Mikhail Gorbachev
  - j. Boris Yeltsin
3. Create a timeline showing key events in Russian history between 1917-1991



Optional:

Other recommended reading includes

- "Russian History: A very short introduction" by Geoffrey Hosking
- "Young Stalin" by Simon Sebag Montefiore
- "Stalin: The Court of the Red Tsar" by Simon Sebag Montefiore



### The German Democratic Republic 1949-1990

1. Read "Access to History: Germany divided and reunited 1943-91" by Angela Leonard. Again copies are available in the library or can be easily purchased on Amazon.
2. Create a fact file about each of the following key figures
  - a. Walter Ulbricht
  - b. Erich Honecker
  - c. Willy Brandt
  - d. Egon Krenz
3. Create a timeline showing key events in the German Democratic Republic between 1949-1990



Optional:

Other recommended reading includes

- a) "The German Democratic Republic" by Dr Peter Grieder
- b) "People's State: East German Society from Hitler to Honecker" by Mary Fulbrook
- c) "Within Walls: Private life in the German Democratic Republic" by Paul Betts
- d) "A History of Germany 1918-2014: The Divided Nation" by Mary Fulbrook

